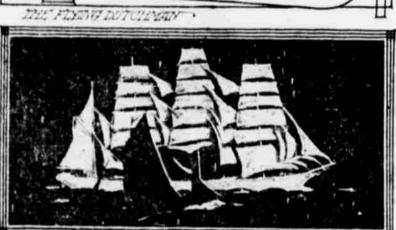
GHOSTS

AS the reader ever heard the voice of the night-shrouded soa? lias he heard the wild wail of the raging hurricane and the welrd whispers of the ambresial caim. Has he seen ships creep out of the night when they blot out the stars with their darkling silhouestes, or when the sen and sky are one save for the gray patches of froth left trailing in the wake of breaking seas; has he seen great gray salls core out of the fog, or

chips stealing across the "moon glade" athwart the glitter of silver cast upon the waters by the imperial votaress, when the rays pierce the sails so that they become gausy films!

If he knows these things, who shall blame him for not scoffing at the superstitions of those who go





THE CHANTY SHIP OF BETWEED PURCH

down to the sea in ships! Will be not rather give an ear to the tales of strange things seen and believed by sailor tolk!

It is the writer's pleasure to waste time sailing the sea in a small craft, usually alone. Upon one of these voyages, having anchored upon the edge of the Nore Sanda, he awake in the middle of the eerle enough the uninitiated reader will doubtless think. Upon looking out at the black woolly wall of for that surrounded him, he distinctly heard his own name halled across the water No other craft was near. This struck him as heing so perular that he mentioned it to a friend when he arrived at one of the little anchorages. and the skipper of a barge, changing to overhear. said: "That's the of gentleman of the Nore" Often of forgy nights or may rar 'im a relias and his kind o' elpless way but sometimes is language is something borful. They say as 'e was a first mate wor dropped overhoard and awam to the sands, where is walked about until the tide rose an' drawnded 'im'

Upon another occasion I was saling along the coast of France, under the cliffs upon which stands Gris Nez lighthouse, which is about the most powerful light in the world. It was a very dark night, and the revolving rays of the lighthouse kept flashing upon the sails of my boat, lighting them like a powerful searchlight, until proceeding along the course I got out of their range. The strange effect had been forgotten. only to be remembered in time to prevent me from becoming a firm believer in ghosta. Thereout at sea a ghostly ship was sailing, she was ther too modern, perhaps, to be a real ghost. every sail set like a glove ghost ships were wer particular in this respect. Indeed, she was me of those fine ships out of Glasgow which are the last words to sailing craft.

From apparently nowhere a ship had come a thip uncannily glowing with an unnatural light Her, salls were surely cobwebs and her ropes spider strings!

ce sights and sounds frequently come the of seafarers

grovelling hissing sea, breaking through se sight. Its appearance is gheatly geny from nowhere: it fades away soon after Scould not the longitution mease it into? or sound of apirits chased by the Evil One, ng wife with arms nutstretched, or sound ther's voice Moreover such fileusages as ounds give have frequently come from the de the bowl of the raging gale, or the murof the gentle breeze through the habitands. were exactly those the lost one whispered last To the mind of one who knows the sea, it ould seem strange that sailors are not more perstitious than they are, and there are cer nly many reasonable excuses for their belief such stories as that of the Flying Dutchman.

> elfus Vanderdecken, a Dutch navigafor of o, was making a passage from Batavia ys and days he encountered heavy gales ing head winds while trying to round the od Hope. Struggle against the winds old, he lost as much on one tack as he ipon the other. Struggling valuely for as weeks, he ultimately found himself me position as he was in at first, the made no progress Vanderdecken. wrath, threw himself on his knees

atch of awirling vapor through the rigging of

ship upon a dark night Imagination does

st: he bas seen the Flying Dutchman.

pon the deck and cursed the Delty, swearing that he would round the cape if it took him till the day of judgment. Thereupon came a fair wind he squared his yards and set off. but although his ship plowed through the seas he made no headway, for the Deity had tak-

on him at his word and doomed.

him to sail the seas for ever-Superstition has it that the appearance of the phantom ship leads to certain and swift misforfune.

Old sallors will tell of the ship of the Flying Dutchman howling along in the very teeth of the wind, and of her evertaking their own shipwhich was beating to windward. Some of them DEVE ROUN her sail abin, the awiriting films of her sails and righting leaving a cold clamms feeling like the touch of

Cornwall in the old days was remarkable for He wreevers and its reckbound count was the scene of many evil deeds. The Privata Cave. wrecker dering his evil life fured many vessely. to their doors upon the cruel shore by means of a faire fight hung round the neck of a hebbied horse. To this day the good Cornish folk will tell you of the phantom of the wrecher seen when the winds how and the seas rage high carried cliticing to a log of wood upon the ctusts of the breaking seas, and how it is sent crashing upon the rocks, where in the seething fram it disappears from sight.

The wide stretching sand-linked estuary of the Solway has many a ghost atory and more than one phantom ship.

The "Spectral Shallop" is the ghost of a terryboat which was wrecked by a rival ferryman while carrying a bridal party across the hay ghostly heat is rowed by the skeleton of the eruel ferryman; and such ships as are so unlucky as to encounter this ghastly pilot are usually doomed to be wrecked upon the sands.

No money would tempt the Solway fishermen to go out to meet the two Danish searovers whose ships, upon clear nights; are seen gliffing up one of the narrow channels which thread the dried out sands, the high-curved prows and rows. of shields along the gunwale glittering in the moonlight. These two piratical ships, it seems, ran into the Solway and dropped anchor there when a sudden furfous storm came up and the ships which were heavily laden with plunder. sank at their moorings with all the villains which composed their crows.

Attente the rocks upon the ranged roust of Kerry was found one whater morning early in the eighteenth conturb a large galleon, mastless. and deserted. The Kerry wisekers growded aboard, and wild was their for far the ship was laden with ingots of silver from the Spanish They gradually filled their boats until the gunwales were almost down to the water's edge. and hastily they pulled to the shore in order that they might return for further ingots before the tide rose and floated the ship away. Nearing the shore a huge tidal we e broke over boats and ship, and when the wave had passed, the horrifled women watching on shore saw no sign re-

maining of boats, men or ship Wild horses would not get a Kerry fisherman to visit the scene of this disaster upon the anniversary of the day the grim tragedy took place. for only bad luck has come to those who have seen the re-enactment of the affair, which Kerry folk believe takes place upon that day.

The Newhaven ghost ship signified her own doom. A ship built at Newhaven in January, 1647, having sailed away upon her malden voyage, was thought to have been lost at sea, when one evening in June, during a furious thunderstorm, the well-known ship was sighted sailing into the river mouth but straight into the eye of the wind-until she neared the town, when slowly she faded from the sight of the people who crowded on shore to watch her. The apparition was significant—the ship was never heard of again.

The rocky coasts of New England are haunted by many ghost ships. The Palatine is the bestknown specter. The coasters and fishermen of Long Island Sound will tell you that when a sight of her is gotten, disastrons and long-lasting storms will follow. The Palatine a Dutch trader. misled by false lights shown by wreckers, ran achore upon Block Island in the year 1752. The wreckers, when they had stripped the vessel, wet her on fire in order to conceal their crime. As the tide lifted her and carried her flaming out to sea, agonizing shricks came from the meeting in April, 1913. blaze, and the figure of a woman who had hid den herself in the hold in fear of the wreckers. stood out black and the rearing blaze. Then the deck fell in and ship and woman vanished.

"he whaling in Nantucket as you will rememher was in its pulmy days carried on almost en in jail here charged with an attempt tirely by Quakers. One Sunday evening a meet 10 wreck a passenger train on the ing was in progress; the simple service seemed Missouri, Kansas & Texas milway at as though it might pass, and the spirit moved Wainwright, Monone of the company. The eider Friend was just about to offer his hand to hix neighbor in the closing of the meeting when a stranger rose and declared that the Lord's weath was up n a the Buntsville Herald who was certain whaling ship and that he had seen her tharged with sheeting. Editor Van in a vision descending a huge wave from the Davis of the Hugusvine Times two hotlow of which she never rose. The meeting months ago, was acquitted here. The theed harried a but the speaker could not be jury was out too menutes. found, and the stup was never heard of

Some of the level ghouf-stories are those which the writer has heard from the sounce folk of the Fulton Claire F Kouns who lives sall marshes. It is hardly possible to describe surtheast of Mokane, believes he is those drears effective, for when one has said the oldest person living who was born. ther are flat stretching for miles and rather in Fullon. Mr. Souns was at the subject to mists one has said prefer well all that Democratic rally in Pulton recently is to be said the rest must be felt. However, and registered as a voter in 1856. just as there is a rull of the sea so there is a rall of the marshland. You shall so into the saltern and feel its moist breath upon your cheek and the breath of its sait) winds and the ozone versity of Missouri are wondering who of its calms. You shall be lost in its vastness, will be chosen spensors for the uniand threading his innumerable twisted narrow versity caders. Officers of the eight waterways, which lead to Lowbero se shall companies have decided to pick right tread its carpet of scentiess flowers. You shall roads, one for each company. go to its very edge where the sea comes oftenmost, and where the flowers decaying leave their Prairie Chickens Back After 30 Years. rust colored remains. There you shall meet mid. Fulton. Prairie Chickens are returnand the cry of the curiew shall mack as you ing to their old haunts in Boone. Auflounder in its figh. The moon shall come up train and Callana counties. Thirty refranted by the mist into unrecognizable shape, cears and the chiracon was mentical which shall be blood culty. You shall be a gray here, but the serdement of the comabape, differing little from the common things try drove the bird away that are there, for you shall be enshroused b for may, it shall shak into your very soul until you are not flost and bones but a particle of for yourself. You shall listen to its allences, you shall be told things by them, and strong man-

that you are, you shall be afmidis it to be wondered at them that these simple. Essex marsh welfers remember such tales as that of the roung skinner home from a long versee whose haste to embrace his wife, and the have he had not yet seen, bid him to go the nearer was of the marshes! The tale has it that in crossing a narrow gutway near Pitsea, he sank in the mud. So deeply did he sink that he could not extricate himself; the more he struggled the deeper he sank, and with the horror of knowing that the tide was rising and would come stealing up the breek, be shorted. As the tide rose higher the louder were his percams. The salterns near Pitses are lonely, the cries were heard only by a half witted peat-cutter, who often in his less sane moments heard such screams and thought no more of the matter so the shrieks because gurgles and by the time the tide had lifted the peat cutter's punt they had ceased

The older folk at this stage of the story assume a mysterious air, and, with large-eved glancings athwart their shoulders, will tell you that the skipper's shricks are heard on starlit nights as the tide glides up that creek.

So here are my ghost stories, and if I some times believe in them when I sail alone on the midnight deep, you will not laugh at me.

NEWS of MISSOURI

COON HUNT AT MOBERLY ENDS.

Crowd Breaks Camp and Seeks Dispensers of Political Patronage.

Moberly.-After two nights and three days of hilarious sport at the fair of the pessum and coon eight miles east of Moberly, the Moberly Coon Hunters club broke camp and the members and many of the guests returned to Moberty, where the hunters turned their attention to political game. Senator Stone, Representative Rucker and other patronage distribnters were eagerly sought for. It is not known how many political positions, if any, were promised during the coon hunt, but it is conceded that the outing was arranged in order that patronage hunters might meet the patronage distributers.

WILL TEACH NEW COURSES.

University Girls Will Study Art of Country Home Making.

Columbia - A home makers' school for girls is the answer of the University of Missouri to the problem of how to keep the girls on the farm.

The preparation of food, dressmak ing, nursing, poultry raising, dairying and horticulture will be studied in a seven weeks course to begin January Oth.

Professors believe the secret of keeping the boys on the farms hes in teaching them to be skilled farmers. and in showing them that there is more to it than more manual fation.

To Discuss Country Life.

interests of country hife will be due days of each other. connect at Vandulia by notable speak ers on November 30 and December 1 me. 2 Country schools, country churches, good roads, farm co-operadent of the University of Missourt; that I never could be happy again. Dr. Moses Breeze of Wisconsin, Frot. Rev. Clarence E. Hatfield of Hoberg, will not drag me to Nive again." Mo, and Roy Charles King of Louis-New York will preside.

Warsaw Gets K. of P. Meeting.

Rich Hill-The second semeannual meeting of the Eleventh district of Missouri K of P. lodges, comprising Bates, Vernon, Henry, Cedar and Benton counties, was beid in Castle hall of Rich Hill lodge, No. 69 Delegates from all lodges in the district were in attendance. Speeches were made by loseph J. Crites, G. C. C. of Rolla; John H. Holmes, G. K. G. K. of R. and 3. of St. Louis, and J. R. Doris, G. L. G. of Nevada. Warsaw was selected as the convention seat for the next

Arrest in Train Wrecking.

Mokane. Theodore Housendender, aged 50, formerly a patient in an

Editor Freed of Shooting.

Moberly -J N Hamilton, editor of

Oldest Fulton Native

Cadets Have Co-Eds Guessing.

Columbia Surorny cirk of the I'm

Resists Arrest, Slain by Marshal.

Treates -Jack driftin to years old was shot and alled by Marshall Beorge lunn of Trusten solow na arrest. Griffin had raised a disturbance and Dunn was called to arrest him Griffin resisted

Reward for Missing Banker,

a reward of \$200 for the accest of Hi-Smith, formerly cashier of the Bank of Holstein, Warren county, who is accused of the embersioment losing her only child, but it has had M \$7,588 41

Treasurer Deal Names Chief Clerk Jefferson City - Edwin P. Deal of harleston, state treasurer-elect, ansounced the appointment of J C Russell of East Prairie, a brother of Con-

Prisoner Singed in Calaboose Fire. Neelyville.-The calaboose at Neelydile, seventeen miles from Poplar-Bluff, was destroyed by fire, said to have been started by the ione prisoner in it. His hair was burned off before

rescried

TRAITS OF CHILDREN

How Parents of the Balkan States Raise Their Offspring.

Montenegrin Youngsters Taught to Fight Turks to the Death-in Bulgaria Racial Hatred is Taught in Public Schools.

Uzhitse, Servia One cannot belp wondering during wartime what the children of the beligerent nations think about it all. How do the panics, the carnage, the firing of guns appear to their young minds?

It is fairly easy to answer this question so far as Montenegro is concerny ed, for from the earliest age children take the keenest interest in their father's collection of weapons and the dozen or so knives, pistols and other knick-knacks he wears in his wide

A Montenegrin would be just as Ilkes ly to go for a stroll down the vilinger street without his entire arsenal" as a Philadephia dandy would be likely to walk down Chestnut street without his collar.

In Spain I used to watch the children play, and here the game was invariably bull fighting, but in Montenegro the only game for bables is war to the death with the Turk

The Montenegrins are a stern race. and the fathers, though devoted to their children, do not believe in pampering them Indeed, discipline is strictly maintained in the home.

But I shall not easily forget the face of Prince Mirko, the second son of King Nicholas, and the idol of the nation, when he told me of the death of his two children. They caught typhoid Vandalia-The social and economic fever in Nice and died within a few

"Have you any children" be asked

"None," I replied

"Well, you may thank heaven for tion and better grows will be the that," said be, for you will never go theme on these three days The speak- through the agony I suffered. I verters are to be Dr. A. Ross Hill, press by thought my heart was broken and

"As It is, I cannot bear to hear the Harold W Fort of Kirksville, Mo.; Riviera mentioned, and wild horses

Servian children are like pretty Htana. Mo. Dr. Warren H. Wilson of the dolls with great dark eyes, and wearing long white shirts under charming brown suede leather zouave jackets edged with fur.

These jackets are most quaint and original, and are decorated with arabesques and devices of gally colored leathers and pieces of looking glass sewn in imitation of sprays and flow-

The fur is left on the reverse side. so that the coats are very warm. I have often wondered on a brolling



Montenegrin Mountaineer

summer day how then can stand the

Their manners are very pleasing and they remind one of rice littlepupper or kittens. The Sections have a certain regard for their offenring Without any wild deverage In Intigaria one hours of herrible

Dissentes of babes. Only a day or two are Differences near Restchik atlincked a harmicus Turketh settlement. and spared neither women nor chil-Put the Pulchrane on Kiral store.

to their arboris and in these schoolse. racial found is encouraged, and even he yourgest learns that he will some day have to strugged the mastery with the Sirb, the Grook and the

Parity the babble of other Stay nations the Alabertana are not no w rule broughthat. There are recommunicate itiz, fat faces, and are rather Mongolfan in type, but they are no hard

Carmen Sylva of Routest to inight well be called the childrens Queen Jefferson City | Gay Madley offered | She adores children, and the grief of her life was when her little daughter

She has never really recovered from the effect of making her as good as a mother to all her young subjects.

No one will ever know the extent of her benevolence and charity, and Roumanian mothers bless her name. She interests herself especially in the blind, and her home for blind chilgressman Joseph Russell, as his chief dren is perhaps the most excellent charity of the country.

Marries Convict.

Columbus, O - Half an hour after seing sentenced to two years in the sen here, for burglary Floyd Holly, a tegro was married. The bride secur-I the license and paid the preacher.